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### Province Supports New Jobs In Manitowaning - #910060

McGuinty Government On The Side Of Northerners


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SUDBURY – The Ontario government is supporting job creation and economic development in Manitowaning by investing in the expansion of a custom boat manufacturing business, Northern Development and Mines Minister Rick Bartolucci announced today.

“We are on the side of northerners. That’s why we are continuing to invest projects that are helping to create thousands of jobs throughout Northern Ontario,” said Bartolucci. “Our government understands the integral role the private sector plays in the future prosperity of the North.”

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) is investing \$350,000 toward the expansion of Henley Boats in Manitowaning. The funding will be used to expand the company’s production facility and to purchase computerized cutting and design equipment. Henley Boats designs and builds custom aluminium boats, for markets across North America.

“The McGuinty government is committed to supporting the growth of small businesses in Ontario,” said Bartolucci, who also chairs the NOHFC. “By helping Henley boats increase its production capacity and create several new jobs, we expect the benefits of this investment will reverberate across the Manitoulin economy.”

Other McGuinty government initiatives in support of northern communities include:

- Northern Ontario Heritage Fund investments exceeding \$190 million since October 2003 that have helped create or sustain over 7,000 jobs and work placements
- The GO North Investor Program, which markets Northern Ontario investment opportunities to international investors around the world
- A \$357-million investment this year in the rehabilitation and expansion of the northern highway network

These initiatives are part of the government’s Northern Prosperity Plan. It has four pillars: Strengthening the North and its Communities; Listening to and Serving Northerners Better; Competing Globally; and Providing Opportunities for All.

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